

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)
December 23, 2008
10:00 a.m. (20 min. 37 sec.)

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton, Rich Montanez and Taylor Leavitt, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Jeremy Horn (Elite Fight Night) and Jennifer Howe (Elite Fight Night).

Alan Dayton called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Approval of Minutes

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Previously Approved Events

UCE (MMA) – Friday, December 26, 2008, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City

Review Upcoming Events

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Saturday, January 3, 2009 – Davis Conference Center, Layton, UT

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, January 3, 2009 – Western Park, Vernal, UT

UCE (MMA) - Friday, January 9, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

GR8 Life Productions (MMA) - Friday, January 16, 2009, Dixie Center, St George, UT

UCE (MMA) - Friday, January 16, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Xtreme Combat - Saturday, January 17, 2009, Snow College, Richfield, UT

UCE (MMA) - Friday, January 30, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Financial Report

Bill reported that the commission has spent 40% of the existing budget. There is a possibility of a 15% budget cutback. There was discussion about possible measures that may have to be taken to meet that cutback. Bill would like the commission to be able to keep ½ to ¾ of its revenue. There is anticipation of a major event in Spring 2009 - UFC event at the Energy Solutions Arena – which could generate considerable revenue.

Open Discussion

Bill reported that there are a couple of rules out for public comment. The proposed rule receiving the most attention is mandating Hepatitis A and B testing. The public comment

period is officially open until February 2, 2009. Bill did a survey of the commissions that are members of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) who require Hepatitis testing and the frequencies they are requiring those tests. There has been some public comment that Hepatitis testing will cause some hardships on events. Most commissions require Hepatitis testing every six months to every year. Bill suggested the commission consider decreasing the frequency of testing requirements to one year to keep event expense down. Alan asked Bill if he would pull up a statute and draft an amendment to take to a sponsor to get this passed. Bill said he is working on that. He would recommend the commission modify statute to have jurisdiction over some of the more policy oriented decisions for MMA (weight classes, fees, etc).

There was much discussion about revenue.

Bill is concerned about some of the club dressing room areas being cluttered and cold and is working with the venue and promoter.

Bill reported that Jack Avery has been indefinitely suspended for failure to compete and found that Colorado had also suspended him for the same reason. Bill is trying to talk with Joseph Mason of Colorado.

Next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Alan made a motion to adjourn. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.